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Applicant(s): MATSUI, et al.

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For: IMAGE READING APPARATUS, COMPOSITE APPARATUS USING THE  
IMAGE READING APPARATUS, AND CONTROL APPARATUS AND  
METHOD FOR THE IMAGE READING APPARATUS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Please enter this Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application prior to continued examination on the merits. The Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) as a submission under 37 CFR § 1.114.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on Page 10 of this paper.